## **Bottoms Administration**

## **Police Use of Force Advisory Council**

June 10, 2020

Advisory Council – Kick Off Meeting







# Welcome by Mayor Keisha Lance **Bottoms**

## For today's discussion



## **Agenda**

Welcome & introductions

Overview on this effort

Focus areas discussion

Next steps



### **Welcome & introductions**

## **Introduction Remarks**



### **Advisory Council Co-Chairs**

Tiffany Roberts, Community Engagement & Movement Building Counsel - Southern Center for Human Rights

Jonathan Rapping, Professor, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School; President & Founder - Gideon's Promise

Tharon Johnson, Founder & CEO - Paramount Consulting

### **Welcome & introductions**



## **Advisory Committee member introductions**

### **Police Use of Force Advisory Committee Members**

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Jonathan Rapping, President & Founder - Gideon's Promise (Co-Chair)

Tharon Johnson, Founder & CEO - Paramount Consulting (Co-Chair)

Rafiq Ahmad, NOBLE (Georgia Chapter)

**Kenney Alexander**, Pastor - Antioch Baptist Church

**Shar Bates**, Radio / TV personality - My Vote is Hip Hop

Maya Beatty, Youth and Resident

Nelson Boyce, Industry Director, Travel - Google

J. Cannon Carr, CIO & Portfolio Manager - CornerCap Institutional

Mawuli Davis, Founding Partner - Davis Bozeman Law Firm

Johnathan Davis, Executive Director - Covenant Community

Marissa Dodson, Southern Center for Human Rights

Miguel Dominguez, Criminal Justice PAWG; Morgan and Morgan

Jauan Durbin, Youth Organizer; Morehouse College Alumnus

Michelle Falconer, Owner - Bailey and Hunter, LLC

Maya Hadley, Youth and Resident

Jestin Johnson, Deputy COO - City of Atlanta

Alvin Kendall, Founder - Kendall Law Group

Yonasda Lonewolf, Hip Hop 4 Foundation

**Bryant Marks**, Professor of Psychology - Morehouse College

Toni Michelle Williams, Director - SnapCo

**Suzanne Wynn Ockleberry**, Assistant Vice President, Attorney - AT&T

Rashad Richey, Radio Personality

Joyce Sheperd, District 12 - Atlanta City Council

Brian Spears, Attorney, G. Brian Spears, P.C.

Lovette Karbo Thompson, Black Alliance

Sean Williams, Cochran Firm

Joycelyn Wilson, Assistant Professor of Hip Hop Studies and Digital

Humanities - Georgia Tech



## Stated goals of the Advisory Committee

### **Advisory Council Goals**

- 1 REVIEW our police use of force policies
- **ENGAGE** our community as we develop solutions informed by national expertise and appropriate to Atlanta's context
- **3 REPORT** the findings of our review to our community and seek feedback
- 4 REFORM our community's police use of force policies

### Overview on this Effort



## **Expectations of the Advisory Committee**

- You were selected for your perspective and expertise we want your feedback to drive this process
- This will be a working group, we will have asks between meetings requesting your feedback, research, and attention
- Reform is the aim of this group staff will push to keep the discussion and findings focused, tangible, and implementable
- We have a large task and limited time so this effort will be fast-paced and focused on getting as much work done as we can with the time we have
- We urge the group to stay engaged, open, and honest

Staff is here to collect information, vet ideas internally, bring outside presenters, and develop outputs for the Advisory Committee

### Overview on this Effort



## **Proposed Advisory Committee timeline**

### The Advisory Committee will last six weeks and has four key components

- 14-day findings
- **Sub-committee** launch
- Community feedback
- Recommendations Report



14-day findings outlining initial recommendations and committee focus areas (14-days)

- **Sub-committee deep dives** spending time on key focus areas to develop insightful feedback to the City (3-4 weeks)
  - Citizen engagement capturing feedback from the public on the effort (3-4 weeks)

Recommendations Report final deliverable to the COO outlining findings

of the effort

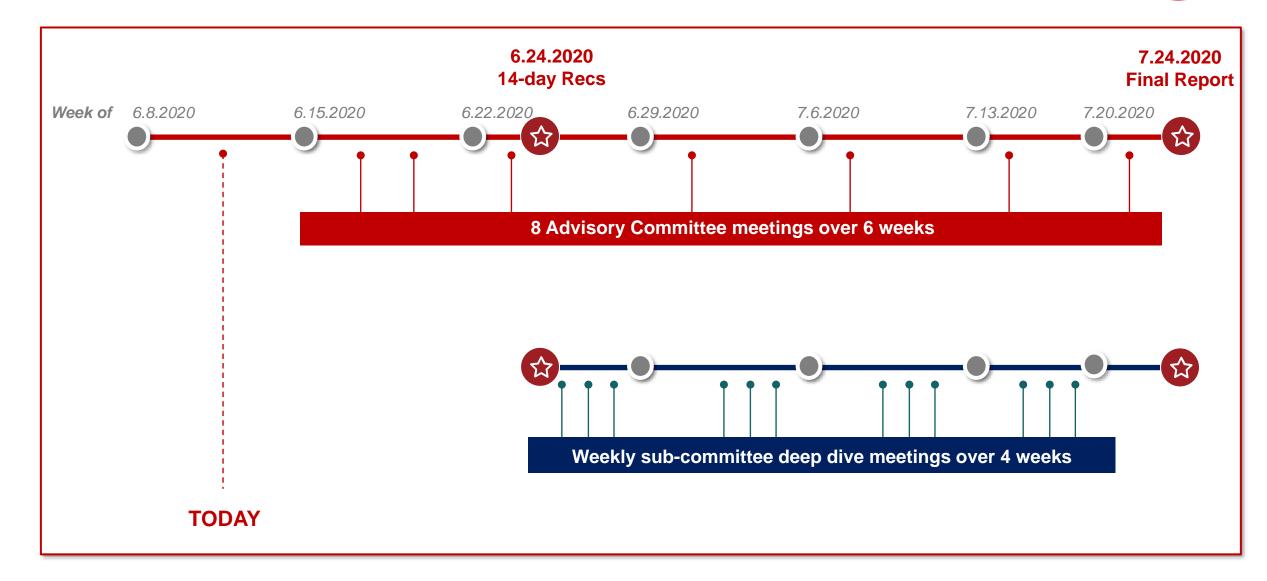
(1-2 weeks)

### 14-day recommendations are due to Mayor Bottoms by June 24, 2020

- Recommendations will outline key focus areas for the task force and "no regret" policies
- Initial recommendations will guide deep-dive sub-committees and citizen engagement
- We will aim to have 3 additional meetings prior to June 23<sup>rd</sup> to finalize

### **Overview on this effort**

## Six-week look ahead for the Advisory Committee



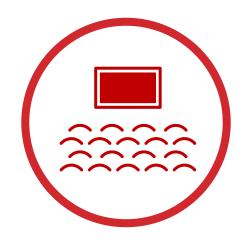
## Potential use of force focus areas



Law & Policy

Which policy reforms will have the most impact in Atlanta?

Example to follow



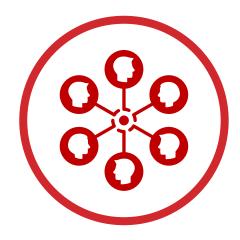
Cultural & mindset shifts

What are targeted opportunities to improve culture to impact use of force?



Community engagement

How can we improve communication and engagement to build trust?



## Accountability and oversight

How do we improve transparency and enforcement of policies?

FOR DISCUSSION: Are there any focus areas you would add or remove?

### Focus areas discussion

## Law & policy examples related to Use of Force

### Thought-starter examples of potential policies that impact use of force



### Already in place

- 1 Bans chokeholds and strangleholds
- Has use of force continuum
- Dramatically reduce jail population
- Eliminate cash bond for minor infractions



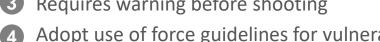
### Addressed in a procedure or policy

- Require comprehensive reporting
- Duty to intervene
- Requires exhaust all other means before shooting



### Not currently addressed

- Requires de-escalation
- Restricts shooting at moving vehicles
- Requires warning before shooting
- Adopt use of force guidelines for vulnerable populations



### Focus areas discussion

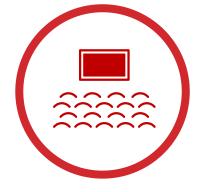
### **BREAKOUT: What other measures would we add?**







- Require de-escalation
- Require warning before shooting
- Adapt use of force guidelines for vulnerable populations



### **Cultural** and mindset shifts

- Mandate regular antibias training
- Break out curriculum to improve retention
- Evaluate training impact on culture (e.g., warrior v. guardian)



### **Community** engagement

- **Expand Pre-arrest** diversion program
- Create Resident Officer Programs
- Invest in new methods to monitor community sentiment



### **Accountability** and oversight

- Track and report all use of force data
- Mandate external and independent investigations
- Encourage nonpunitive peer reviews



### Focus areas discussion

## Prioritization will be key to build an actionable plan



### Understanding considerations for execution...

### **Budget constraints**

Fixed amount of resources in near-term

### **Organizational focus**

· Finite amount of focus and energy to make change

### Varying time horizons

 Some initiatives can be employed today while others may have a longer lead time

### Varying levels of impact

 Varying level of societal impact and importance to constituents

## ...to build a framework to drive towards an actionable plan

Impact

**Key question:** What is the magnitude of impact and when does it materialize?

### **Key considerations**

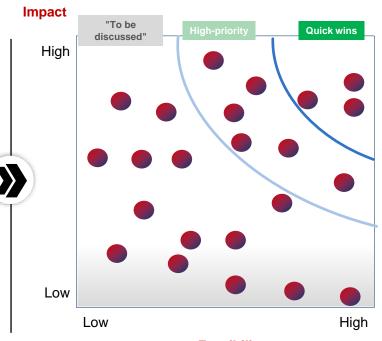
- · Societal impact of initiatives
- Timeline to realize impact

Feasibility

Key question: How well equipped is the City to execute?

### **Key considerations**

- Cost to execute initiative
- Complexity in execution



**Feasibility** 



## Ahead of our next meeting

- Task Force Member Survey
- 8 Can't Wait Feedback and Documentation
- Next Meeting: Tuesday June 16, 2020 | Time: TBD